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James Newman,.....Liberty, Miss.
H. G. Quinn,.....Liberty, Miss.
W. W. Bolls,.....Liberty, Miss.
S. H. Thompson,.....Liberty, Miss.
E. Young,.....Meadville, Miss.
Z. Lofton,.....McCall's Creek, Miss.
A. L. Travillian,.....Fayette, Miss.
Jos. Buckels,.....Meadville, Miss.
J. P. Hemby,.....Morgan's Fork, Miss.
C. H. Otken,.....Summit, Miss.
R. J. McNeil,.....Centreville, Miss.
D. Ebby,.....Fort Adams, Miss.
E. W. Spenser,.....Fort Adams, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

J. A. Bolls,.....Liberty, Miss.
T. P. Stewart,.....Meadville, Miss.
S. R. Young,.....Rose Hill, Miss.

HOPEWELL CHURCH, Franklin Co., Miss., }
Saturday, October 9th, 1880. }

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day, with the Hopewell Church of Franklin County, pursuant to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Elder Jos. Buckels, from the twenty-third verse of the fourth chapter of John; after which the Association adjourned to dinner. Prayer by Elder C. H. Otken.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. W. Bolls. Prayer by Elder Thomas Lansdell.

Brethren M. Jackson and S. S. Montgomery, were appointed reading Clerks. Letters from the churches were called for, read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The question on the adoption of the new Constitution coming up, the Moderator decided that it had been rejected, a majority of the Churches in the Association having failed to adopt it. On appeal from his decision, the Association sustained the Moderator.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, Brethren Jackson and Montgomery acting as tellers, which resulted in the re-election of Elder W. W. Bolls, as Moderator; Elder Jos. Buckels, Clerk and Bro. W. Z. Lea, Treasurer.

Upon taking the Chair, the Moderator made a few appropriate remarks, thanking the Association for their continued confidence in him. Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Associa-

tion to prepare an order of business, submitted their report, which was adopted. See Appendix A.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters from the following Churches were presented and read, and the Churches, being found orthodox, were received into this Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their delegates, by the Moderator, to-wit: Sand Hill, New Salem, and Homer Hill.

Bro. M. Jackson, who was appointed at the last meeting of this Association a committee to examine into the practicability of having the minutes of the Association published in book form, submitted a report which was adopted, and the committee continued. See Appendix B.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for. Elder E. C. Eager and Bro. W. L. Smith, presented a letter from Fair River Association, and Elder B. A. Crawford presented a letter and package of minutes from Bogue Chitto Association, and on motion they were received as messengers from said Associations. Elder I. W. East was, on motion, received as a messenger from Union Association. Bro. Eager was also received as a representative of the faculty of Mississippi College.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises—The Deacons of Hopewell Church, and Brethren M. Robinson and G. S. Morris.

On Finance—Brethren T. H. Hoff, J. P. Jones and T. R. Godbold.

On Obituaries—Elder C. H. Otken and Brethren S. J. Hodges and J. H. Collier.

On Nominations—Brethren W. Everett, A. M. Dodds and T. P. Stewart.

On Home Missions—Brethren E. B. Seale, H. S. Anderson and Elder R. J. McNeil.

On Ministerial Education—Elders E. C. Eager, W. H. Tucker and L. S. Piker.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren A. S. Turner, S. R. Young and J. F. Porter.

On Publications—Brethren M. Jackson, L. O. Weathersby and Elder Thomas Lansdell.

On Systematic Benevolence—Brethren E. L. Scott, S. S. Montgomery and S. E. McDonald.

On Temperance—Brethren T. P. Stewart, S. Morris and M. Jones.

On Abstracts—Brethren K. R. Webb, Thomas Webb and H. H. Magee.

On the Report of the Trustees of Lea Female College—Brethren E. B. Seale, H. S. Anderson, M. Jackson and S. J. Hodges.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Sunday School Mass Meeting at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to be conducted by the Moderator. Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning by Elder W. H. Tucker, and Elder Thomas Lansdell, to preach in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Bro. S. R. Young.

W. W. BOLLS, Moderator.

Jos. BUCKELS, Clerk.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The Congregation having assembled in the Church, after consultation with a number of the Brethren, the Moderator deemed it advisable to have a prayer meeting, instead of the Sunday School Mass Meeting, that had been appointed on yesterday. Accordingly an interesting prayer meeting was held, conducted by Elder B. A. Crawford.

At 11 o,clock, a. m., Elder W. H. Tucker preached an able and instructive sermon on Missions, using as a text, a part of the 18th and part of the 19th verses of the last chapter of Matthew. A collection being taken up for Missions, the sum of $189 30 in cash and subscriptions was received.

In the afternoon, Elder Thomas Lansdell preached an interesting sermon from the 7th verse of the 6th chapter of Gala-

tians. We trust that these able discourses were well received, and that, as good seed sown in good ground, they will in due time bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

MONDAY MORNING, October 11, 1880.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder B. A. Crawford.

The Rules of Decorum and Powers of the Association were read by the Moderator.

Reports of Committees were called for.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and a committee consisting of Elders L. S. Piker, Thomas Lansdell and Bro. S. S. Montgomery, was appointed on Mississippi College.

Brethren L. O. Weathersby, A. M. Dodds and W. L. Jenkins, were, on motion, added to the committee on the report of Trustees of Lea Female College.

The Committee on Publications presented a report which was adopted. See Appendix C.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported. The report was adopted. See Appendix D.

The Committee on Abstracts presented a report which was adopted. See Appendix E.

The Committeee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was adopted. See Appendix F.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence was presented, and on motion, adopted. See Appeudix G.

Pending the reception of reports of committees, Elder J. A. Snyder was received as a messenger from Union Association, and invited to a seat with us.

The Executive Board presented a report of the operations of our Home Missionary, Elder S. H. Thompson, during the past associational year. The report was adopted. See Appendix H.

The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was adopted. See Appendix I.

On motion the Association adjourned to dinner.

EVENING SESSION.—2 O'clock, P. M.

The Association again assembled. Prayer by Bro. L. O. Weathersby.

Bro. Tillery was, on motion, excused from further attendance upon this Association,

The Committee on Finance made a report which was adopted. See Appendix J.

The Committee on the report of the Trustees of Lea Female College presented a report which was adopted. See Appendix K.

On motion, Bro. Otken was allowed to furnish the Clerk with an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures of Lea Female College.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was adopted. See Appendix L.

Pending the consideration of the above report the sum of $400 was raised in "Try Pledges" by the Churches.

On motion, the vote adopting the report of the Executive Board was rescinded. The report was amended, and on motion, adopted as amended.

The Committee on Mississippi College reported, and the report was adopted. See Appendix M.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was adopted. See Appendix N.

The Committee on Obituaries asked for the privilege of making a report to the Clerk, through the mail, which was agreed to.

The Committee on Nominations reported. The report was adopted. See Appendix O.

On motion, a committee was appointed to request of Elder Lansdell, his sermon preached on yesterday, for publication, Elder L. S. Piker was appointed.

On motion, the resolutions from Summit Church, presented with their Church letter, were referred to a committee consisting of Elders Thomas Lansdell and B. A. Crawford, and Brethren A. S. Turner, T. H. Hoff, E. B. Seale and H. S. Anderson

The committee was instructed to report at the next meeting of this Association.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful discharge of their several duties during the sitting of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Brethren and friends of Hopewell Church and community, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visiting brethren, and friends during this meeting.

Resolved, That when this Association adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1881, and that it shall continue in session through the Monday following, if necessary to complete the transactions of business before it, and that in future this shall be the time of our annual meeting.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to superintend the printing and distribution of the requisite number of minutes, and that he receive the sum of $25 for his services.

A resolution requesting Clerks of Churches in sending Mission funds to send the same directly to the Treasurer at Liberty, was adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to prepare and publish in the minutes, a list of Clerks of Churches and their Post-offices.

Messengers were, on motion, appointed to the following Associations:

To Fair River—Elders C. H. Otken, S. Morris, and L. Schofield.

To Union—Elders S. Morris, Jos. Buckles and W. W. Bolls, and Brethren T. P. Stewart and E. B. Seale.

To Mississippi River—Elders S. H. Thompson and C. H. Otken and Bro. W. Z. Lea

To Bogue Chitto—Elder C. H. Otken and Brethren S. Hodges, T. P. Stewart, W. Everett, M. Robinson, A. S. Turner,

T. R. Godbold. S. S. Montgomery, L. O. Weathersby, W. Z. Lea and S. R. Young.

To East Louisiana—Elder Thomas Lansdell and Brethren D. D. Rollins and S. R. Young.

On motion, the Messengers were empowered to prepare their own letters of correspondence, and sign the names of the Moderator and Clerk to the same.

The committee to see Bro. Lansdell, and obtain his sermon for publication, reported that Bro. Lansdell would furnish his sermon, on condition that it should be published in pamphlet form, or in the minutes of the Association.

On motion, it was ordered to be published in the minutes. A collection being taken up to defray the expense of publication, the sum of $10.40 was realized. The delegates were requested to try to induce their respective churches to send each, one dollar, to the Treasurer at Liberty, to be used in defraying the expense of the publication of the sermon.

On motion, the Association proceeded to select the place of meeting for next year. Summit Church was selected.

On motion, Elder W. W. Bolls was requested to prepare a historical sermon, to be preached at the next session of this body, and at such time during the session as the Association may then determine.

The Moderator addressed to the Association some very feeling remarks. in regard to erecting a monument to Elder Richard Curtis, the first Baptist preacher in the State of Mississippi. A spontaneous offering of $21 85 was made by the delegates and friends, to assist in the erection of the monument.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Summit Church on Friday, before the second Sabbath in October, 1881.

The closing remarks or the Moderator were very feeling and affecting,

The delegates and friends united in singing the hymn,

"Blessed be the tie that binds, &c.," giving to each other the parting hand.

Prayer by Elder L. S. Piker,

W. W. BOLLS, Moderator.

Jos. BUCKELS, Clerk.

APPENDICES—APPENDIX A.

Your committee appointed at the last meeting of this Association to prepare and report an order of business, would respectfully submit the following:

1. Reading of letters from the Churches, and enrollment of delegates.
2. Election of officers for ensuing year.
3. Roll call.
4. Appointment of the usual and necessary committees.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Reports of committees.
8. New business.
9. Appointment of Messengers to corresponding bodies.
10. Selection of next place of meeting.
11. Reading and adopting minutes of the present meeting.
12. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MONTGOMERY,
S. R. YOUNG,
JOS. BUCKELS. } Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Your committee appointed at the last Association to examine into the practicability of having the minutes of this Association from its formation to the present time published in book form, would beg leave to make the following report:

Your committee proceeded to correspond with three publishing houses: the Baptist Record, at Jackson, Miss., Rogers &

Co., at Memphis, Tenn., and Power & Barksdale, at Jackson Miss. The terms offered by Rogers & Co., are the cheapest. They propose to print the book of one thousand copies of 300 pages, bound in cloth, at fifty cents per copy; bound in boards, paper sides, at forty cents per copy, and in paper cover, pamphlet form, at thirty cents per copy. For eight hundred copies the charge is the same.

Under the resolution creating this committee, it is made the duty of the Deacons of the Churches to act in conjunction with said committee, in raising the necessary funds. Your committee addressed a letter to each Minister of the Association, urging upon them the necessity of raising said funds, &c. I have received no funds, consequently the work has not been done.

Respectfully submitted.

M. JACKSON, Committee.

APPENDIX C.

Your committee on Publications, would respectfully submit the following report:

That we heartily endorse the Baptist Record of Jackson, Miss., as sound in doctrine, and faithful in its efforts to advance the interests and works of the denomination within our associational bounds as well as in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana; also as the best medium of ascertaining and rightly informing ourselves as to the wants and the best methods of meeting these wants, and in this particular best suited for this field. Therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend it in connection with the Southern Baptist, Ford's Christian Repository, and as best suited to the wants of our Sunday School, the Sunday School Teacher Kind Words and Sunday School Times, to your favorable consideration, and as well deserving the patronage and support of the Churches and individual members composing the Churches of the Mississippi Baptist Association.

Resolved, 2d, That we publish, at the request of the American Baptist Publication Society, their Leaflet of Periodicals of

Baptist Literature; also, that the card of Lea Female College be published as part of the minutes, free of charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. JACKSON,
L. O. WEATHERSBY,
THOMAS LANSDELL. } Committee.

APPENDIX D.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would respectfully report:

That in our judgment God has made it the duty of His people to educate their Ministry. Our reasons for this conviction are drawn from what we understand to be the teachings of the Bible on this subject. From Adam down, God has always had a class of men to minister to Him in holy things. God himself must have been their first teacher. He alone could have taught Adam what and how to do in ministering to Him in animal sacrifices. His teaching must have been imparted to Abel, Cain, Seth, Enos, Enoch and others, down to the Flood, by God in person, or by those who had been instructed themselves by God, and those commissioned by God to teach their successors in this ministry.

Soon after Abram was called of God, he built an altar and offered up sacrifice to God. Here again God must have taught him what and how to do, and all who offered acceptable sacrifice to Him, must have been taught by God or by their successors in this ministry.

After the organization of the Jews into a nation, God confirmed the ministry to Aaron, his sons, and to the Levites, whom he called and gave to the nation as His ministers in holy things. Hence first ministers must have been taught what and how to do by God himself, and their successors must have been taught by their predecessors, who had themselves been taught of God. Hence those who had been called of God to the office of the ministry, were not allowed to enter upon the work of the ministry 'till thirty years of age, and in David's time, twenty-five years of age. As they were not allowed to engage in any secu-

lar business, it is very evident that this time was spent in being educated for the work of the ministry.

In process of time God called into being, another order of ministers called prophets, whose special business was not to foretell future events, but to teach. Hence, in those days of more than four hundred years, there were schools called "Schools of the Prophets," where the "Sons of the Prophets" in preparing for the work of the prophetic office were collected and taught by the oldest and most eminent of the prophets, such as Elijah, Elisha, and others. Thus we see, that those who ministered to God in holy things under the Old Testament Dispensation were all educated, and these things were recorded for our instruction and profit.

Of the New Testament Ministry "there was a man sent from God whose name was John." He was the first sent before, to prepare the way of the Lord, and to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. He was called of God to the office of the ministry from before his birth, yet he did not enter upon the work of the ministry 'till thirty years old. It is not reasonable to suppose that he would have been kept back from that work after that he was prepared for it. And it is reasonable to suppose that he who called him did send him as soon as he was prepared or properly educated for that work, and that God himself directly or indirectly educated him, and his age would imply that his education was good and thorough.

Christ was a Minister, and as such did not enter upon the work of the ministry till thirty years of age, thereby setting us an example that we should follow Him.

John made and baptized disciples; but Christ made and baptized more disciples than John, though he himself baptized not, but his disciples. From these baptized disciples he chose twelve, whom he called Apostles, and afterwards other seventy. These were all converted and baptized Jews, matured men, who were more or less familiar with both the Hebrew and the Greek Scriptures. The Great Teacher Himself now became their daily Teacher, and kept them under His personal instructions for some three years. After His resurrection He gathered them to-

gether and taught them forty days, out of all the Scriptures, the things concerning Himself. He then gave them the commission; but told them to wait in Jerusalem till they were endowed with power from on high, and then to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, beginning at Jerusalem."

Thus we see that the New Testament ministry were not only converted, baptized and called to the office of the ministry; but after being thus called, were well and thoroughly educated, and then empowered with the gift of the Holy Ghost before they were ordained, and thereby authorized to enter fully upon the work of the ministry. And these inspired ministers became the teachers of their successors, as Christ had been theirs, and as the Apostles to the Gentiles was to Timothy and others.

Timothy had been taught the Holy Scriptures from his childhood. He was converted under the Apostle Paul's preaching, and was called by the Holy Spirit to the office of the ministry. Paul adopted him as his son in the Gospel, and kept him as his traveling companion for years. After he had been thus educated for years by an inspired Apostle, he was ordained and left at Crete to set in order the things that were wanting in the churches, and to ordain Elders or Pastors in every church; soon after which this inspired Apostle wrote to him and told him what kind of men to ordain, and what kind not to ordain.

After describing the mental, moral and spiritual qualifications of those whom he might ordain, he says, but "Lay hands suddenly on no man." Though he may be, or may have been converted, baptized and called of God, and though he may possess all the qualifications here described, yet lay hands suddenly on no man. Commit these things, the work of the ministry, to faithful men, who shall be able, rather who are able to teach others also.

Ordained ministers must not only be faithful, but they must be able to teach others, their successors in the ministry. As Christ taught us, and appointed us to teach our successors, so our successors must be able to teach their successors; and this was God's plan then of educating the ministry.

Again, says the Apostle, "Not a Novice." That is, whatever else you may do, never lay hands on a Novice—one who has but recently been converted and joined the church. And why not a Novice? Because he is too young to have proved himself to the satisfaction of the Church to have been called of God to this office—because he is too young to have been properly educated, so as to be able rightly to divide the word of truth, and to teach others.

Before closing his Epistles, the inspired Apostle, now "Paul the aged," turns his attention to Timothy himself, long since ordained, and an experienced Minister, and says: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee," read, study; "meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting," or improvement, "may appear," or be manifest to all. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

From all of which we learn: First, that the New Testament Ministry is God's gift to the church. Secondly, that they are called of God to the office of the ministry, and given the church to be educated.

Thirdly, that when thus scripturally educated and proved "faithful and able to teach others," and not till then, is the church scripturally authorized to ordain, and thereby authorize any one to enter fully upon the work of the ministry.

And lastly, that it is the solemn duty of the church to look out from among her members all whom God has called to the office of the ministry, and then to educate them, and so to support them as to enable them to give themselves wholly to these things.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. EAGER,
W. H. TUCKER, } Committee.
L. S. PIKER.

APPENDIX E.

Your Committee on Abstracts would report the following:

Damascus Church reports cold, but in peace and harmony. Isaac W. East, Pastor.

Dry Fork Union, harmonious and in prosperous condition. S. H. Thompson, Pastor.

East Fork, revived and prosperous. L. Schofield, Pastor.

Hopewell, welcomes the Association. Reports peace and harmony. Jos. Buckels, Pastor.

Liberty, in prospering condition. W. W. Bolls, Pastor.

Pioneer, harmonious and in prospering condition. R. J. McNeil, Pastor.

New Hope, in cold and luke-warm condition. Jos. Buckels, Pastor.

Mt. Zion, at peace and in prosperity. W. W. Bolls, Pastor.

Union Church, Amite county, in very cold condition. S. H. Thompson, Pastor.

Mars Hill, peace and brotherly love prevail. James Newman, Pastor.

Spring Hill, in a dependent condition. S. H. Thompson, Pastor.

Ramah, at peace. Z. Lofton, Pastor.

Union Church, Franklin county, spiritual condition luke-warm. Jos. Buckels, Pastor.

Percy's Creek, at peace. E. W. Spencer, Pastor.

Providence, at peace. E. Young, Pastor.

Sarepta, in a languishing condition. A. L. Trevilian, Pastor.

Summit, in prospering condition, with a Sunday School in operation. L. S. Piker, Pastor.

New Providence, "the condition of the church is very cold." James Newman, Pastor.

Zion Hill, in good and prosperous condition. W. W. Bolls, Pastor.

Ebenezer, Church greatly blessed and in a prosperous condition. T. Lansdell, Pastor.

Galilee, Church revived. W. W. Bolls, Pastor.

Union Church, Wilkinson county, prospering. S. H. Thompson, Pastor.

Sand Hill, New Salem and Homer Hill, are newly constituted churches.

Respectfully submitted,

K. R. WEBB, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools would submit the following:

The great and paramount importance of Sabbath Schools very few Christians seem to realize. No church, neighborhood or family, will enjoy, either temporally or spiritually, the highest degree of prosperity without one, and but very few of them will prosper without the co-operation of the Pastor. Therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend all Pastors to give their earnest support to the Sabbath School work, and also that it is necessary to their greatest success in the ministry.

A. S. TURNER, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Your committee on Systematic Benevolence, beg leave to report that we have adopted with a slight alteration, the report adopted at the last meeting of our Association, to-wit: That order is the first law of heaven; that God himself adopted order and system in the six days work of creation, and the same is seen in his works of Providence. So when he organized his chosen people, the Jews, into a body politic, he adopted order and system. The nation was divided into twelve tribes, and each tribe was divided into families. As a civil body they had their King, Princes and Rulers; as a religious body, they had their High Priest, Priests and Levites, and all their national expenses were raised by the enforced system of tythes; so that each tribe and family bore its pro rata of the civil and religious expenses of the nation. So, order and system were observed in

the New as well as in the Old Dispensation. The first order is, that none but penitent believers should be admitted into this Dispensation; that even they should not be admitted without baptism, and that they should be retained in fellowship only so long as they walked orderly, requiring all who walked disorderly to be set aside, or excluded from fellowship. The order and system adopted by God for the support of the Old Testament Ministry is referred to, by the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, who there says: "Even so, hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." What the Apostle says in Corinthians, shows clearly that order and system were observed in all the Apostolic Churches in their work of benevolence, and the inference is very plain that order and system were observed by them in all things, and that this was enjoined upon them by an inspired Apostle as a sacred duty; that there should be equality in all things, so that none should be burdened. In our judgment what was duty then, is duty now, for so hath God ordained in all the churches. In conclu sion therefore, we recommend—

1. That our churches raise during the coming year, ten cents per member, for Home Missions, and ten cents for Foreign Missions.

2, That each church take action on the subject of this report, and the course recommended herein, and report the result of such action to the Missionary Board, and to the Association in its next annual letter.

S. S. MONTGOMERY,
S. E. McDONALD,
E. L. SCOTT,
} Committee.

APPENDIX. H.

The Missionary Board of the Mississippi Baptist Association would submit the following as their report, for the year 1880:

Soon after the adjournment of the Association, the Board met at Liberty, and organized by appointing W. W. Bolls, Chairman, and R. S. McLain, Secretary. The Board after surveying the

field, saw, that unless the newly organized churches were assisted, they could not sustain preaching, and that they would die, concluded that it was best to still continue Bro. Thompson in that field, if he would accept, on the terms that we could offer. At this time another difficulty presented itself, and that was, the want of funds. The Board instructed its Secretary to write to all the churches and ask for help. Feeling that we ought not to involve the Association in debt, we proposed to Brethren S. H. Thompson and A. C. Dunn, that if they would go into the field, the Board would do what they could, in the way of paying them for their services. Brethren Thompson and Dunn accepted. Soon after this Bro. Dunn moved out of the Association into the Indian Territory. Bro. Thompson was to preach at Dry Fork Union, Homer Hill, Union, Amite county and Spring Hill. He reports having labored zealously, but with little success, and some troubles arising in his field. He reports having traveled about one hundred and seventy miles per month. We appointed him the agent of the Board to collect funds in this field. He reports a subscription, but no funds. We have paid him sixty-seven and 72-100 dollars. The Board has been very much crippled, because the churches did not respond to our call; only six churches sending us any funds to operate upon. We refer you to the Treasurer's report for the amounts sent up by these churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

R. S. McLain, Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: That we think both social dram drinking, and in the tippling shops, are intemperance, and as they are admitted to be a great evil, both in the church and in moral practice, and as our blessed Lord has said by the mouth of the Apostle Paul that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God,—Gal., v: 21

the New as well as in the Old Dispensation. The first order is, that none but penitent believers should be admitted into this Dispensation; that even they should not be admitted without baptism, and that they should be retained in fellowship only so long as they walked orderly, requiring all who walked disorderly to be set aside, or excluded from fellowship. The order and system adopted by God for the support of the Old Testament Ministry is referred to, by the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, who there says: "Even so, hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." What the Apostle says in Corinthians, shows clearly that order and system were observed in all the Apostolic Churches in their work of benevolence, and the inference is very plain that order and system were observed by them in all things, and that this was enjoined upon them by an inspired Apostle as a sacred duty; that there should be equality in all things, so that none should be burdened. In our judgment what was duty then, is duty now, for so hath God ordained in all the churches. In conclu sion therefore, we recommend—

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APPENDIX. H.

The Missionary Board of the Mississippi Baptist Association would submit the following as their report, for the year 1880:

Soon after the adjournment of the Association, the Board met at Liberty, and organized by appointing W. W. Bolls, Chairman, and R. S. McLain, Secretary. The Board after surveying the

field, saw, that unless the newly organized churches were assisted, they could not sustain preaching, and that they would die, concluded that it was best to still continue Bro. Thompson in that field, if he would accept, on the terms that we could offer. At this time another difficulty presented itself, and that was, the want of funds. The Board instructed its Secretary to write to all the churches and ask for help. Feeling that we ought not to involve the Association in debt, we proposed to Brethren S. H. Thompson and A. C. Dunn, that if they would go into the field, the Board would do what they could, in the way of paying them for their services. Brethren Thompson and Dunn accepted. Soon after this Bro. Dunn moved out of the Association into the Indian Territory. Bro. Thompson was to preach at Dry Fork Union, Homer Hill, Union, Amite county and Spring Hill. He reports having labored zealously, but with little success, and some troubles arising in his field. He reports having traveled about one hundred and seventy miles per month. We appointed him the agent of the Board to collect funds in this field. He reports a subscription, but no funds. We have paid him sixty-seven and 72-100 dollars. The Board has been very much crippled, because the churches did not respond to our call; only six churches sending us any funds to operate upon. We refer you to the Treasurer's report for the amounts sent up by these churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

R. S. McLain, Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: That we think both social dram drinking, and in the tippling shops, are intemperance, and as they are admitted to be a great evil, both in the church and in moral practice, and as our blessed Lord has said by the mouth of the Apostle Paul that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God,—Gal., v: 21

—and believing such persons as are unfit for the kindom of heaven are also unfit for the church of Christ, therefore—

Resolved, That we urge upon the churches composing this body, the necessity of exercising discipline in all such cases as come to their knowledge, and unless the guilty parties can be brought to repentance and reformation, to cut them off and deliver them back to the world "for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

We would also urge it upon the Association the necessity of keeping it before the churches, and before the world also, that to be a good Baptist, a man must be a sober man.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEWART,
S. MORRIS,
M. JONES. } Committee.

APPENDIX J.

Your Committee on Finance would report as follows:

Received from the Churches for Associational purposes,.	$ 81 50
.. .. .. for Home Missions,.....	51 08
.. .. .. for Foreign	15 67
Collection on Sabbath for Home Missions,.....	19 80
Amount at discretion of Mission Board,.....	65
Total,.....	$168 70

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct.

T. H. HOFF, Chairman.

APPENDIX K.

Your Committee on Lea Female College respectfully submit the following as our report:

We heartily endorse the school and its President, as worthy of your patronage and encouragement as a denomination. We furthermore endorse the report as submitted by your committee as published in last year's minutes, (see Appendix B.) omitting all of resolution 4.

We also submit as part of this report the statement furnished by the President, showing moneys received from what sources, and how disbursed. We omit resolution 4, for the reason that we do not feel at liberty to recommend that, which, in our judgment is not practicable. But we commend the school as worthy the donations of all who may be disposed to assist in education al enterprises.

E. B. SEALE,
S. J. HODGES,
W. L. JENKINS,
A. M. DODDS,
L. O. WEATHERSBY, } Committee.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.

1. The amount of money collected from friends, and individual Baptists, is.....$600 00

2. The amount in cash from three ladies which has been used in payment of property, and which will be classed with Denominational donations, is.....$2,750 00

3. The value of property, is.....$4,600 00

4. Two buildings are in contemplation which will cost not less than..... 3,500 00

5. Steps have been taken to turn the property over to the trustees.

CHAS. H. OTKEN,
President.

APPENDIX L.

Your Committee on Home Missions would report: That while we regard the Home Mission idea one of first importance, and found among the original purposes of this organization, we think that the day has about arrived when the ministers of this Association are Home Missionaries at once and alike, at least so far as respects the field at present occupied. And we would suggest that if a missionary be employed, the points in the field be changed. Mt. Pleasant, in the Southern, and Jeter's School House, in the Western, part of Wilkinson county, and some

point in the vicinity of Tillery's Store, are all places of importance, and worthy of our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SEALE,
H. S. ANDERSON,
R. J. McNEIL. } Committee.

APPENDIX M.

Your committee on Mississippi College respectfully submit the following: In the opinion of your committee, Mississippi College is of incalculable worth to the Baptist denomination. Already from her classic walls and ecclesiastical advantages, have gone forth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, men of unquestioned ability and rare attainments in ministerial proficiency.

Witnesses of its importance as a denominational institution, are men all over the Union, filling every station of church usefulness, from the most modest and unpretentious of our rural pulpits, to the most difficult and cultured fields of our cities.

We believe if the Baptists of the Southwest were fully aroused to their best interest as regards their successful existence, they would not be slow in very liberally endowing and continually sustaining by their prayers and patronage, this, our denominational school.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. PIKER,
THOMAS LANSDELL,
S. S. MONTGOMERY. } Committee.

APPENDIX N.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. Z. Lea, Treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Association, for the year 1880, charges and credits himself as follows:

To amount on hand as per last report	$ 42 78
Received from Finance Committee	155 20
From the churches, for printing minutes	7 50
" Summit church, for missions	13 00

From Ebenezer	"	"	"	.....	8 00
" Union	"	"	"	.....	6 05
" Galilee	"	"	"	.....	17 40
" New Providence church, for missions				.....	6 00
" Hopewell		"	"	"	7 50
Total				.....	$263 43

Disbursed the following sums:

To Elder S. H. Thompson, on last year's salary	$ 42 78
" amount for printing and distributing minutes	43 00
" " of clerk's salary	25 00
" H. A. Tupper, Secretary Foreign Mission Board	44 90
" S. H. Thompson, Home Missionary	67 72
Total	$223 40
Balance on hand	$ 32 53

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 11th, 1880. W. Z. LEA, Treasurer.

APPENDIX O.

Your Committee on nominations make the following report: Executive Board, Elder W. W. Bolls, brethren W. F. Love and W. Z. Lea, from Liberty church; Bro. M. Jackson, from New Providence, and Bro. Jas. E. Bates, from East Fork.

To preach the next introductory sermon, Elder Chas. H. Otken; Elder Thomas Lansdell, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. EVERETT,
A. M. DODDS,
T. P. STEWART. } Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The death record during the past year is quite small. Union church, of Franklin county, reports the death of sister Lizetta Seale, sister Sarah Ford, sister Alethean Ford, and a colored sister, Sina Long. Serepta reports the death of sister Lydia A. Morris, wife of Rev. S. Morris. Mt. Zion reports the death of two members, and Damascus two. One death is reported by

Ebenezer, and one by Pioneer. The names of the deceased are not furnished in the church letters. All of them are worthy of honorable mention as Christians. To the sorrowing and bereaved relatives, your committee, in behalf of the Association, would extend their sincerest condolence.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. OTKEN, Chairman,

CASH RECEIPTS FOR LEA FEMALE COLLEGE, DURING THE YEAR 1878.

H. Rogers, Liberty		$ 5 00
W. F. Love, Liberty		25 00
H. M. Lea, Magnolia		50 00
J. H. Barkley, Fort Adams		50 00
W. T. White, Summit		25 00
D. C. Lea, "		15 00
Z. L. Everett, "		26 00
R. S. McLain, Liberty		25 00
Henry Anderson, "		25 00
E. L. Tarver, Summit		15 00
Daniel Lumpkin, "		15 00
John P. Jones, Little Springs		10 00
Geo. M. Cain, " "		5 00
James E. Lea, Liberty		25 00
Atkinson C. Tyler, Summit		100 00
Wm. Enos, "		12 35
Dr. J. R. Sample, "		25 00
		$ 452 35

RECEIPTS IN 1880.

J. H. Barkley, Fort Adams		$ 50 00
Miss Fannie J. Longmire, Centerville		25 00
		$ 527 35
Mrs. Elceba Bates, to C. H. Otken	$1000 00	
Mrs. Mary R. Lee, " "	750 00	
Mrs. Margaret Silliman, "	1000 00	$2750 00
		$3277 35

CHAS. H. OTKEN Business Agent.